

## The impact of religion on reproductive behaviour

### Abstract

Religion is one of the reproductive behaviour determinants examined in literature. The aim of this thesis is to find a relation between religion, religiosity and a level of fertility. Using the method of Poisson regression, the thesis analyses data from „European Value Study“ comparing the Czech Republic, Italy, Germany and Poland and data from research “Detraditionalitization and individualization of religion in the Czech Republic in 2006”. Using literature, established hypotheses assume a higher level of fertility among religiously active population. Affiliation with a denomination, frequency of church service visits, importance of religion in life, demographic and socioeconomic indicators are used as variables. Part of the thesis is devoted to a qualitative researched focused on young believers with academic education. The research deals with their attitude to the Church and opinions on religious teaching, norms and prohibitions.

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